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1. UK continues pressure on Arab governments—US Ambassador Douglas in London reports that Foreign Secretary Bevin has personally instructed British missions to impress upon all Arab governments the "grave danger" which the Arabs will face if they persist in refusing to extend the Palestine truce. According to Douglas, the British representatives are to express the view that because the Arab League decision to end the truce was taken before it knew of the 7 July Security Council resolution requesting a truce extension, the Arab leaders should be able to retreat without loss of prestige. The British maintain that by agreeing to a brief truce extension the Arabs would be given an opportunity for explaining to the Security Council their grounds for believing the truce one-sided and for proposing a modification of the truce terms.

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